

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to the appeal brief filed 7 November 2007.

2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 56 and 58-64.

3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some* c) None of the:

1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.

5. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.

(a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.

(b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of
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Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).

6. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

5. Notice of Informal Patent Application

2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.

3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
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7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment

4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material

8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

9. Other _____.

DETAILED ACTION

This action is in response to the arguments presented in the appeal brief filed 7 November 2007. Claims 56 and 58-64 are currently pending.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments, see pages 5-10, filed 7 November 2007, with respect to the rejection of claims 56, 58, 59, and 61-64 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection of claims 56, 58, 59, and 61-64 has been withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 56 and 58-64 are allowed. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claims 56, 62, and 63 are directed to methods and computer program products for providing multi-class processing of login requests. This is achieved by assigning each login cookie a class designation (i.e. first-class, second-class, etc.), wherein each class has an associated level of service to login attempts, and wherein lower classes experience a forced time delay between repeated invalid login attempts. Claim 63 further states that first-class tokens are provided upon a successful login, and that a first-class token allows the user several unsuccessful login attempts, whereas a second-class token experiences a delay between login attempts, while an attempt to login with no token is rejected.

The disclosure of Bhatti et al. (US Patent #6,304,906 B1) teaches a similar method of class-based services. Access requests received at site router 51 are submitted to request classifier 210, and are enqueued for service based on the service class of the request (see figures 4 and 5). Higher class requests are added to higher-priority queues for servicing, and are therefore serviced first, with minimal delay. Similarly, lower class requests are placed in a lower priority queue, and thus experience a significantly longer delay before being serviced. The classes of these access requests are defined by the user cookies (column 8, lines 9-15). However, nothing in the disclosure of Bhatti et al. specifically states that the access requests are login attempts. Because of this feature found in the independent claims 56, 62, and 63 which is not taught by the closest related prior art, the independent claims are considered to be allowable. Consequently, the dependent claims 58-61 and 64 are also considered to be allowable.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Virgil Herring whose telephone number is (571) 272-8189. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gilberto Barron can be reached on (571) 272-3799. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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